

M St. SW Lane & Lots Closed Near CVS, BVA



Curb lane of M St. SW fenced off at 4th St. SW.

The curb lane of M St. SW and parking spaces for several dozen cars have been closed at 4th St. SW west of the Waterfront Metro station, to continue demolition and later construction of the new “Waterfront Station” development, as the replacement for Waterside Mall is being called.

Gordon Fraley of the developers told the Southwester, “There will be no digging in this area, just demolition, filling the area with dirt back up to grade, installing utilities, and constructing the road. The construction will be on-going until the entire project is completed in 2010.”

His press release states, “On or about October 9, 2008, the parking area between the Waterfront/SEU Metro Station escalator and the Bank of America located at Waterfront Station will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians to make way for the demolition and construction of 4th Street, SW. The Metro station escalators and elevators will not be affected by the change. Parking for Safeway will continue to be available in the lot adjacent to the Safeway store along M St. SW”

SWNA to hear from ANC Candidates and Cancer Experts

By Peter Atlee

On Mon., Oct. 27, the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly will hold its monthly meeting at St. Augustine’s Church. This month’s meeting will start, informally, at 7:00, with the first half hour dedicated to speeches from the candidates for ANC Commissioner—elections are coming up on November 4th! (See ANC candidate statements page 7)

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“Waterfront Station” Gets \$250M Loan

(from a release)

Forest City Enterprises, Inc. has announced that it has closed on \$250 million in construction financing for the initial phase of its Waterfront Station project at 401 M St. SW in SW D.C., a mixed-use redevelopment that will include office, residential and retail components. The site is adjacent to the Waterfront/Southeastern University MetroRail station.

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Maine Ave. Waterfront Contract Signed

(from a release)

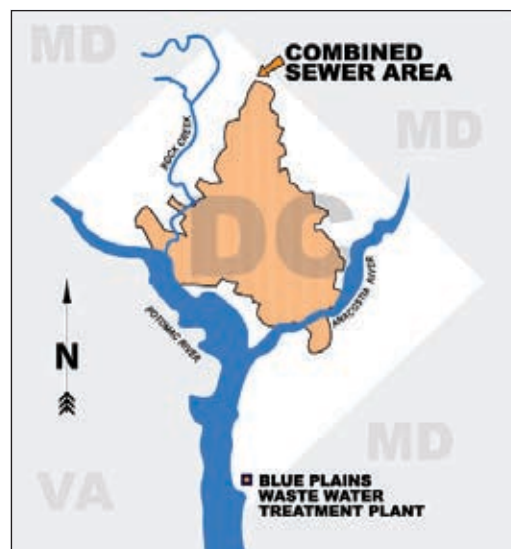
[The District of Columbia and developers Hoffman-Struever Waterfront LLC have signed a land distribution agreement for 26 acres of land and 25 acres of marina area along the Potomac River channel]. “The LDA provides the framework for the master developer to entitle, design and develop the Southwest Waterfront project. The signing of the LDA follows the District Council’s unanimous approval earlier this summer of \$198 million in financing for public costs associated with the project, which legislation was introduced through the offices of Chairman Vincent Gray at the request of Mayor Adrian Fenty. The public financing will pay for site infrastructure, utilities, roads, parks, promenades, public piers and other improvements for the project.”

“In related actions the DC Council has a resolution now under consideration that would authorize the City to transfer the Southwest Waterfront land to Hoffman-Struever at the closing under the LDA. The transfer could occur as soon as early 2011. Action on the disposition resolution is anticipated in early November”.

WASA Hearing Wed. Nov. 19; Rates Up 7.5%

DC’s Water and Sewer Authority (WASA) is holding public meetings to explain its water pollution control program that will cost 2 billion dollars. On Nov. 19 at 7 pm one meeting will be held at the SW Branch Library, 900 Wesley Place SW (near K and 3rd St. SW). See the ad on p. 6.

“DC WASA has announced that the Board of Directors approved a water and sewer rate increase of 7.5 percent at the Sep. 4 Board meeting. The rate increase is less than the 8.5 percent increase originally proposed by DC WASA management. It goes into effect with the October 2008 water and sewer bill of customers. DC WASA’s current ten-year, \$3.1 billion capital program is slated to improve water and sewer systems, to improve pumping and treatment facilities, to reduce nutrient content in wastewater, and to reduce combined sewer overflows (CSOs) into District waterways. Though other factors also contribute to the pollution in the District’s waterways, such as litter, storm water runoff and nutrient-



Part of the District of Columbia (colored in this map) still has old sewer mains that combine rain water and sewage in the same lines.

rich fertilizers, the Authority is working to improve the health of local waterways”.

Comment by Maine Ave. Waterfront co-developer Elinor Bacon at a recent SWNA meeting

“Agreements on basic terms have been completed with long-term Waterfront leaseholders. We all look forward to moving ahead in the design process and engaging the community further; to launch the Workforce Intermediary Program; and to work in earnest with the



Elinor Bacon

Southwest community and other stakeholders on the significant community benefits associated with the development, such as jobs, Certified Business Enterprise Participation, sustainability and affordable housing. For information, contact Elinor R. Bacon, ebacon@erbacondevelopment.com”

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202-727-2525



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SW Library Successful Book Sale

By Lida Churchville

This year's book sale was a wonderful experience and a great success. Many thanks to Southwest readers who supported the library's book sale during the first week of October. With sales of over \$2300 and new memberships totaling \$300, the fall book sale, sponsored by the Friends of the Southwest Public Library, topped all previous sale receipts.

Friends' president Judith Farley and Christine Herrmann, who headed the sale, worked with over a dozen volunteers in collecting, sorting, shelving, and selling thousands of donated books, videos, CDs and tapes. The sale turned out to be a win-win occasion – recycled books were made available to eager readers, and, as always, money from the sale will support programs and equipment not funded in the library's budget. The current "wish list" includes recovering the yellow upholstered chairs, buying child-sized computer furniture, and acquiring reference materials for the Southwest stamp collectors' group.

"The primary purpose of the Friends



Tracy Myers, new head librarian at the SW Branch Library.

is to support our neighborhood library through advocacy, outreach, and enthusiasm," Farley said. "In the current worrisome economy, I remember the advice I found years ago in the *Whole Earth Catalog*: 'Libraries will get us through times of no money better than money will get us through times of no libraries.'

Experts

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Starting at 7:30 we will observe Breast Cancer Awareness month by hearing from

several experts. Lorraine Nagy from the Breast Cancer Network, World Bank-IMF will be joining us how we can join the fight against breast cancer; other possible presenters include a representative from the American Cancer Society, Beth Beck from Capital Breast Care, and a speaker on recent cancer research.

We hope you will join us to meet your ANC candidates and learn about the fight against cancer.

Southwest Community Calendar October 20 - November 30, 2008

THURS. OCT. 23 Police PSA 104 public meeting

SAT. OCT. 25 Harbour Square tree planting 500 N St. SW, 9am – 1 pm

SAT. & SUN. Oct. 25, 26 State Dept Book Fair 22nd & C NW 10-4

SUN. OCT. 26 Pumpkin Party, 400 I (Eye) SW, 1-4 pm

MON. OCT. 27 SWNA Public meeting, St. A's, 6th & M St. SW, 7:00 pm

TUES. OCT. 28 deadline to mail request for absentee ballot

FRI. OCT. 31 Halloween

SUN. NOV. 2 Daylight savings time ends

SUN. NOV. 2 Mildred B. Twitty Jazz Vespers, \$15, (under 12 \$5) Christ Methodist Church, 900 4th St. SW, 5 pm

TUES. NOV. 4 Presidential election and District and ANC elections at voting booths 7am-8pm in DC

WED. NOV. 5 Coffeehouse, St. A's, 6th & M St. SW, 7 pm

MON. NOV. 10 ANC meeting open to the public, St. A's Church, 6th & Maine Ave. SW, 7:00 pm

TUES. NOV. 11 Veterans Day

WED. NOV. 19 DC Water and Sewer Authority public meeting, SW Branch Library near 3rd & K St. SW, 7 pm.

TUES. OCT. 21 Benefit Coalition, James Creek Council office, 2nd floor, 1st. & N SW, 7 pm

THURS. NOV. 27 Thanksgiving Day Holiday

WEEKLY, BI-WEEKLY

KOMEN TOASTMASTERS – First & Third Sat., S.W. Library, 10 am.

FIL-AM TOASTMASTERS – Second & Fourth Wed., S.W. Library, 6:15 pm.

SCHOOL ST. TOASTMASTERS – Every Tues., 400 Virginia Ave. S.W., Room 488 – noon.

WASHINGTON STAMP COLLECTORS Club – First & Third Wed., Christ United Methodist Church, 300 block of I (Eye) St. S.W., 7 pm 202-291-6229.

S.W. KIWANIS – First & Third Mon., Christ United Methodist Church, 4th & I St. S.W., 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

NEW SOUTHWEST TOASTMASTERS – Every Wed. GSA Bldg – 7th & D St. S.W., Room 5009 (inside cafeteria), noon.

LABYRINTH WALK – First & Third Wed., Westminster Church, 4th & I St., SW, 8-9:30 pm preceded by Yoga Nidra at 7:00 pm. on the first Wed. & Tai Chai at 7 pm on second, third & fourth Wed.

WEDNESDAYS AT 3 pm– Practice GED test – free – takes 4-1/2 hrs; walk in at SW Library, between 3rd & 4th St., between I (Eye) and K SW, second floor; picture ID required. 727-6976 or 727-1616 (M, T, Th, F).

Please submit calendar items for December events to voice mail – 202-554-8560 or by email to thesouthwester@yahoo.com or by US mail to PO Box 70131 by Wednesday, November 5, 2008.

ANC Seeks Part-time Office Assistant

Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6D, representing the SW Waterfront and Near SE, is accepting applications for the part-time position of Administrative Assistant. Primary duties include maintaining the ANC office, receiving phone calls, interacting with the public and city agencies, preparing the agenda and meeting packets, recording and preparing the minutes of ANC's monthly meetings. The Assistant also prepares correspondence for the ANC Chairman's signature, ensures that commissioners receive copies of correspondence prior to meetings, and keeps the commission's web page up to date. Applicant must have excellent writing, verbal, and computer skills. Applicant must work well with the general public and be familiar with DC government operations. The ideal candidate will have at least 5 years of professional office experience. A college degree is preferred but not required. This part-time position requires approximately fifteen (15) hours a week with a majority of office hours to be between 9 AM and 4 PM. Additional hours may be necessary for special assignments or community meetings. The proposed starting salary is fifteen dollars (\$15) per hour. All applicable state and federal taxes will be withheld in accordance with the law. The Assistant may join the District's health care plan at his or her own expense. Applicants should send a resume and a brief cover letter by mail to ANC 6D 1501 Half Street, SW Suite #22 WDC 20024 or by e-mail to ANC6D06@dc.gov. All applications must be received by November 15, 2008.

Coffeehouse Wed., Nov. 5

Wed., Nov. 5 at 7 pm Art & Spirit Coffeehouse will feature "DC's favorite folksinger," Donal Leace.

A self-described "artist, educator and entertainer," Leace is the third artist to appear in the Fall 2008-2009 series of the Coffeehouse in St. Augustine's Episcopal Church, located at 600 M Street, SW (across from Arena Stage). St. Augustine's congregation hosts the free evening that includes coffee, tea and desserts, followed by a Q & A with the audience.

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Loan

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The financing includes the project's first two buildings, totaling 628,000 square feet of office and ground-level retail space. The office component is fully leased to the District of Columbia for various governmental offices, and the retail component will include a Safeway supermarket, a CVS pharmacy, and other retail tenants.

"Closing this non-recourse financing in the midst of current credit-market conditions is a testament to a strong project in an excellent location, as well as to Forest City's sponsorship, its partners and a great group of lenders," said Charles A. Ratner, Forest City president and chief executive officer. "Waterfront Station is poised to become a leading mixed-use property in Southwest D.C., and a catalyst for further redevelopment and economic revitalization within this quadrant of the District.

"Institutions participating in the financing included Bank of New York Mellon, which will serve as administrative agent for the lenders, Bank of Ireland, Wachovia, PB Capital and Landesbank Baden-Wurttemberg, New York Branch.

Pumpkin Party Sun. Oct. 26

SUN. OCT. 26 Pumpkin Party at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4th & I St, SW, from 1 to 4 PM, rain or shine. FREE fun for all ages — carve or paint pumpkins, stuff scarecrows, and enjoy a nice lunch with your neighbors. Volunteers always welcome — call Lane Davis-Coury at 410-212-4360 if interested.

Jazz Vespers, Sun. Nov. 2

The annual Mildred P Twitty Jazz Vespers at Christ United Methodist Church, 900 – 4th St. SW will be Sun. Nov. 2 at 5 pm \$15 (under 12 \$5).

For info Emma Smith, 488-1252.

“Sassy Seniors” Special Events at King-GLF Rec

Senior Citizens enjoy a host of free activities at King Greenleaf Rec Center at First & N St. SW in the mornings and early afternoons. All seniors are welcome to join in. Kim Campbell at 645-7454 is the friendly staff member.

Special event schedule for the next few weeks:

Fri. Oct. 31 11:30 am-2 pm (wear your costume) Halloween party

Tues. Nov. 11, 11 am - Nutrition workshop

Wed. Nov. 12 11 am Shuttle bus to The Arc playhouse across the Anacostia in SE, free Musical Tea Party (five performances)

Mon. Nov. 17, 11 am, Grandparents Support Group.

Thurs. Nov. 20, 11:30 am Thanksgiving luncheon

Fri. Dec. 5 10am-3 pm, Bus to shopping trip at Walmart, Dollar King, and Charles Towne Square Mall.

Plant Trees or Watch at Harbour Square

Sat. Oct. 25th, 9am to 1pm at Harbour Square, 500 N ST. SW is your chance to help or watch as Casey Tree brings trees for volunteers to plant.

“Sassy Seniors” Mon Tues Wed. Thurs. at King Greenleaf Rec

Four days a week starting at 10 am seniors are busy at King-Greenleaf Rec Center with a variety of activities:

MON. -10am Arthritis Exercise

11 am Basic Computers

1 pm Crafts, Jewelry Making

TUES 10 am Chair Aerobics

12 – 2 pm Sewing, Crocheting

WED. 10 am Line Dancing

11 am – 2 pm Bid Whist, table & board games

12 – 2pm Pot Luck

THURS. 10 am-11 am Chair Aerobics

11:-12 am Tennis lessons

1:00 – 2:30 Prize Bingo

FRIDAYS – Trips – see Event Schedule listed on this page.



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Wilson High's choir in new choir robes

Choir Robes for Wilson High

By Lou Taylor, SW resident

Delta Research and Educational Foundation of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. presented robes to the choir of Wilson Senior High School during Back to School Night at the school. The robes were received by Wilson principal, Pete Cahall and Choir Director, Lori Chisholm William and was made by Foundation director, Madeline Dobbins, Esq. on

behalf of the Foundation President, Alison J. Harmon and its Board of Directors.

The presentation was in recognition of the musical talents that the choir has provided during the Annual Delta Days in the Nation's Capital Legislative Forum. The presentation continues the Foundation's commitment to support educational development, public service and research initiatives in the Sorority's over 900 chapter communities.

Credit Recovery Class at Wilson

Credit recovery has come to Wilson! Students may take up to three credits after school from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Parental and counselor approval is necessary for enrollment. Credit recovery is sponsored by the DCPS Office of Out of School Time and is at no cost to the student. Students should stop by Rm. 227 and see Ms. Josephson.



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Wolfpack 90 lb. Wins 26-12 at Homecoming

King-Greenleaf Rec Center's 90 lb. football team beat Clubhouse #2 in the second of the games set for Homecoming Sat., Oct. 4 at the local team's home field.

KGL's 65 lb team drew a forfeit when Barry Farms was unable to field a team.

A close game between the Wolfpack 75 lb. team and Bald Eagle Rec Center ended in a one point loss 13-12 for King

Greenleaf.

Friends of King Greenleaf Booster Club sold delicious hot dogs and other food at a stand off the field.

A good write up of the teams and the booster club can be read on Council Member Tommy Wells website www.tommywells.org.



The Wolfpack winning (4-0) 90 lb team has the following roster (in alphabetical order, not in the order of the picture above):

Ted Anderson, Jake Baker, Siefon Broadwater, Terrell Brown, Marc Butler, Leonard Campbell, Maurice Carter, Corky Chase, Jerrod Diggs, Clifford Dyson, Wayne Ford, Byron Francis, Kenneth Gaddis, Frankey Grayton, Marquis Harris, Amedeo Hines, Darius Johnson, Jaharr Johnson, Tyray Johnson, Keith Jones, William Jones, Charles Kibler, Jamal Kingsberry, Marcus Martin, Jabaar Shabazz, Paul Taylor, Erik Thompson, Aaron White, Francis White, Dervell Williams. Coaches in the back line of the picture are (left to right) Gregory Knight, Dino Roach, Malcolm Hilliard, Ronald (Horse) Hines, Sr.

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Foreign Policy Study Group in Southwest

By Coralie Farlee

Several spaces are available in the Southwest Foreign Policy discussion group. For over 6 years, we have been meeting to discuss topics developed by the Foreign Policy Association under the "Great Decisions" title. Discussions are lively, friendly, nonpartisan, stimulating, and genuinely fun. No member of the "Great Decisions" group is an expert, but all read the material in advance, and are open-minded and enthusiastic. At the

conclusion of each session, we cast ballots expressing our views on the topic. These ballots are tabulated by the Foreign Policy Association, which prepares the materials and questions, and sends results to foreign policy administrators and the next year's discussion groups.

Topics and proposed dates for 2009 are (all Wednesdays at 7 p.m.): January 21, US and the Rising Powers; February 18 – Afghanistan/Pakistan; March 18 – Energy and the Global Economy; April 22 – The Arctic; May 20 – Egypt; June 17 – Global

Food Supply; July 15 – Cuba after Castro; and August 19 – Human Rights.

The Southwest group meets in a convenient location (townhouse in River Park Mutual Homes, Inc.). Contact Coralie Farlee, 202-554-4407, or cfarlee@mind-spring.com to get further information, to order the 8-topic study guide (\$20.00) and to reserve a space for 2009. Payment is requested in advance to reserve a space and to insure that a study guide is ordered for you.

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SWers Back to 1979 On SWDC.org

Issues of The Southwester from 1979-80 are now on the Southwest Neighborhood Assembly's website www.swdc.org for viewing, thanks to *Pro Bono* efforts of staff at the law firm of Hunton & Williams LLC, who scanned the issues into electronic form. .

Issues from 1999 to 2008 have been available for viewing for several years. The goal is to add the 1980-1998 issues later. We are seeking additional volunteers to scan or photograph for viewing on the website. If you think you can help, please contact Perry Klein by e-mail at pk@ieec.org.

A reader can enter the name of a person or other words in the Google box in the website and bring up a list of past issues in which that person or word appeared. Sometimes the word or name will be highlighted to help narrow the search.

Kirstin Jones Wins Honor

SW resident Kirstin Jones, a 15 year old sophomore at DC's Banneker High, was inducted into the Greater Washington Urban Leagues' Achievers Society recently.

Her selection was based on citizenship; community service at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library and through the Girl Scouts of the Nation's Capital, and on extra curricular activities as a Banneker cheerleader, a ballet student at Jones Haywood School of Ballet, and academic achievement as a 2008 Gold Medal recipient, National Latin Exam.

Ms. Jones is the daughter of Art and Rhonda Buford Jones.

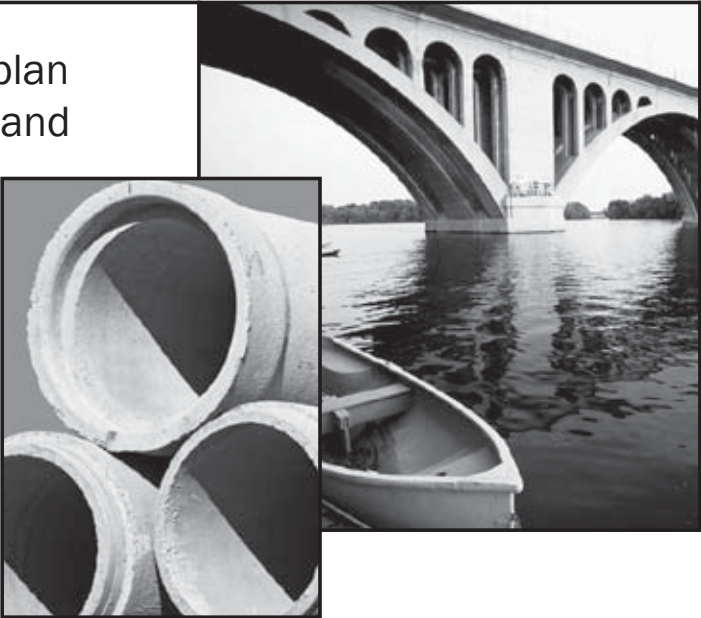


District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority
20-YEAR PLAN TO CONTROL COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (CSO)

Community Meeting Announcement

Learn more about the \$2.2 billion plan to control pollution in the Potomac and Anacostia rivers and Rock Creek

For 20 years, the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (WASA) and its customers will spend more than \$2 billion to reduce 96 percent of the combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in our waterways. Please attend one of these community meetings to learn more about this water pollution control program, to share your views and to find out how you can help reduce pollution, too.



Date	Time	Location
Monday, November 10	7-8 pm	Francis Gregory Neighborhood Library 3660 Alabama Ave., SE
Wednesday, November 12	7-8 pm	NE Neighborhood Library 330 7th St., NE at Maryland Ave., NE
Monday, November 17	7 pm	St. George's Episcopal Church 160 U St., NW (enter through rear)
Wednesday, November 19	7-8 pm	Southwest Neighborhood Library 900 Wesley Pl., SW

For more information, call the Office of Public Affairs @ 202-787-2200.

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Advisory Neighborhood Commission Candidates for Nov. 4 Election

Jane Jorgensen ANC6D 01

I am a recently retired nurse practitioner who now has more time to devote to community improvement. Since moving to SW nine years ago, there have been enormous changes: stadium and Waterside Mall renewal, and pending SW waterfront development. As ANC member I will work to ensure that new development provides maximum benefit to SW residents.

Ahmad Nurridin, SMD6D01

Guided by the principles "to whom much is given, much is required" and "be the change that you want to see"; and blessed by the benefit of a loving and supportive family, a great education, and good health, I seek this ANC seat to assist the holistic betterment of our SW community. Peace,

David Sobelsohn, ANC6D02

Developers who see our neighborhood as a goldmine must not treat us as wastewater while panning for wealthy new residents and high-end retail. As Com-

missioner I've led efforts to extract community benefits from developers, protect tenants' rights, upgrade our local Safeway, and help Southwest Action Team secure a shuttlebus around Waterside Mall redevelopment.

Ron McBee, ANC6D03

I serve as the current ANC6D03 representative and a near SW/SE community resident for over 20 years. I have a MS in Science Administration and directed a number of federal clearinghouses on health and public housing issues. I serve on several boards and organizations in our community to improve our quality of life and for a crime free community.

Mike Chahinian ANC6D03

"I will strive towards three goals once elected to the ANC. For one, I will fight for a safer, more walkable community. Secondly, I will work to bring more businesses and jobs to the area. Third, I will keep residents better informed about goings on in the neighborhood."

Andy Litsky, ANC6D04

I am running for my sixth term as ANC commissioner representing the residential complexes located at the SW Waterfront. This past term I have focused on increasing the police presence along Fourth Street, addressing transportation and parking issues surrounding the new baseball stadium and keeping the First District MPD Headquarters here in Southwest.

Roger Moffatt, ANC6D05

First elected in 1996, I have served in each officer position. As Chair, I worked to add presentation meetings making more time available for citizens to ask questions. Please allow me to continue serving you. On Nov. 4th, please cast your vote for me, Roger Moffatt for ANC6D05. Thank you.

Rhonda Hamilton, ANC6D06

I've lived in SW for 23 year, currently serving as ANC6D06 and the treasurer for Syphax Gardens Residents Council. Working at SW House's G.E.D program sparked my interest in educa-

tional programs. I returned to college and graduated from UDC in 2004 in Psychology. I'm currently working on my masters at Southeastern University

Geoffrey Kreiss, ANC6D07

6D07 continues to develop at an unprecedented pace. It is important that we continue to attract businesses and residents to the Capitol Riverfront. We face great challenges balancing growth, enjoyment, and safety. I will represent the interests of my constituency and work with city officials towards creating a vibrant, successful and safe community

Bob Siegel ANC6D07

During eight years as ANC Commissioner, I have built a history of accessibility and hard work. I am available to my community for help with their problems, and I am not a stranger to endless hours of meetings. I consult, advise and am always sensitive to the needs of the near Southeast neighborhood

DMV Notice

Effective October 1, 2008

Driver's licenses and identification cards will be valid for up to 8 years (previously only 5 years); the vehicle inspection fee will increase from \$25 to \$35, however the inspection for NEW vehicles will be valid for 4 years (previously only 2 years); the non-commercial driver's license fee will increase from \$39 to \$44; the excise tax exemption will be applicable for fuel efficient vehicles (excluding motorcycles and motorized bicycles) that exceed 40 MPG (city driving) and a one-time

reduced registration fee will be applicable for fuel efficient vehicles that exceed 40 MPG (city driving).

Additionally, the District of Columbia Department of Motor Vehicles will roll out enhancements to its online services to include email renewal notices, status of out of state title requests, trip permit transactions (mainly for chartered buses and other motor carriers) and temporary driver's license, identification card and vehicle registration receipt printouts that extend expired credentials until they arrive in the mail. For more information please visit: www.dmv.dc.gov or call 311.

Mandarin Oriental Has Luxury Right Here in SW

(A release by Renee Sharrow)

"Bubbles & Brunch" – Café MoZU offers the area's most indulgent brunch buffet, perfect for a relaxing Sunday or to enjoy after church. Priced at \$65 per person, the elaborate display includes mixed greens, assorted cheese and breads, freshly prepared sushi and sashimi, raw seafood, authentic curries, charcuteries with cured meats, made-to-order eggs and waffles, plus decadent desserts and chocolate fountain. Brunch is every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. and also includes 2 glasses of house champagne.

Live music – Empress Lounge hosts a series of live music every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening. On Thursday's

from 7 – 11 p.m., we present the sultry sounds of Latin-inspired music with a dance floor. There is no cover charge. A special menu of tapas dishes, mojitos, margaritas and sangria is available. On Friday & Saturday nights from 8 p.m. – midnight, we offer live jazz from some of the area's best talent. There is no cover charge.

"Men's Purifying Facial" – new 80-minute treatment designed to suit men's skincare needs. The treatment includes a relaxing facial along with a deep shoulder and scalp massage. The face is left feeling smooth and hydrated while the massage is performed to release tight muscles and tension. The service starts at \$225.

"No Left Turn" Signs at 9th & G Sts. Removed

The two "no left-hand turn signs" at the intersection of G and 9th St. SW when coming from 9th St. SW tunnel and the Maine Ave. exit ramp from Route 395 have been removed through the efforts of Councilmember Tommy Wells.

DDOT had placed the sign at the start of the baseball season to keep baseball fans from using residential street G, but the change was an inconvenience to residents of that area (who obeyed the sign). The sign didn't seem to stop a steady stream of fans who turned left at G anyway when they saw that Maine Ave. was backing up.

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